

Dear Chairman Powell,

I am writing to express my concern about the FCC's June 2, 2003 revision of media ownership rules. I request that you delay the decision in order to provide the American people, and their representatives, time to review, discuss and debate the proposed changes.

I, and many Americans, have only recently become aware of the upcoming decisions. I have read that the FCC intends to lift the current restrictions on media ownership. While I understand that from an economic perspective, such a decision may lead to greater efficiency and cost reductions, I nevertheless fear that media consolidation, through mergers and acquisitions will severely limit the diversity of voices and opinions that are vital to our democracy.

Once changes of this nature are made, they are difficult to reverse. Therefore, a decision of this magnitude deserves careful consideration from voices across the political spectrum. In a free society, people have the right to shape the policies that will affect their lives. It is with democratic principle in mind that I ask you to honor my request.

Respectfully,

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